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CLUB NEWS

DOGHOUSE FISHING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Doghouse Fishing Club of 31 Hugh Grant Circle, Bronx will hold their annual Christmas Party Saturday evening, December 14, at the club house.

Included in the festivities will be the presentation of awards for fishing for the year 1974, entertainment, and our usual excellent buffet.

The Club would like to extend an invitation to any of your readers who are in the Parkchester vicinity, to stop in for a "nip and a bite".

DFC sends best wishes and Merry Christmas to all their fishermen friends.

NORTH BROOKHAVEN SPORT FISHERMEN'S CLUB INC.

The December meeting of the NBSFC will take place on Monday, 12/9. The meeting, which is open to all Island Fishermen, will be held in the Mt. Sinai Community House, located on North Country Road in Mt. Sinai, and will start at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Membership is open to all salt and fresh water fishermen, as well as boat owners and beach buggy owners who love to fish.

December is the month that new officers are elected, and at this meeting, the officers who will lead the club during the 1975 season will be elected.

All junior members who attend the final meeting of the year will receive gifts from Santa. The kids also gey a chance to fill up on cake and soda, and in general have a good time at games etc., which are set up in advance by a special club "Junior Members" Committee, headed this year by Ed Sullivan of Rocky Point.

Announcement will also be made of the winners of the N.B.S.F.C. Yearly Club Fishing Contest. Trophies will be awarded at the 1975 Dinner Dance.

For more information on the N.B.S.F.C., call in Rocky Point: (516) 744-6260, and for residents of Western Brookhaven Town, call in Lake Ronkonkoma, (516) 588-6080.

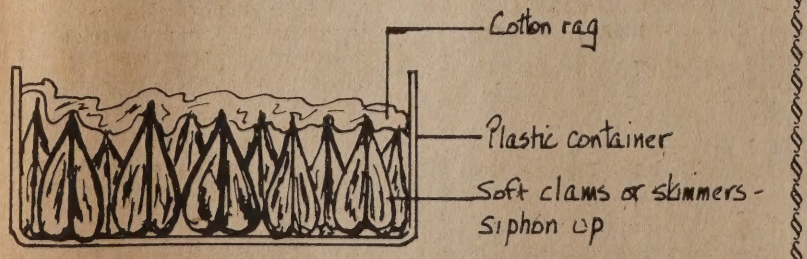
Tip of the Week

Submitted by:
Matt Ahern
Hampton Bays, N.Y.

KEEPING CLAMS ALIVE

To keep soft clams in the shell for as long as one month isn't difficult. Simply obtain a plastic container, preferably square, and place the clams inside with the siphon end up. Cover with a clean cotton rag and refrigerate. Just be sure to wash out the rag every day or two. The rag traps the expelled liquid which is what kills the clams if allowed to soak in it. Be sure to pack firmly, but don't crush or crack the shells.

This set-up will work up to three weeks on skimmers if fresh when obtained.



CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

EAST BAY ANGLERS CHILLER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Due to inclement weather the Tournament was cancelled Saturday November 16th and scheduled for Sunday. Fortunately the winds subsided and the Tournament was "go".

The following is a list of the winners:

CLUB WINNERS:

1st Place: Hudson Anglers

Misty III, (Captain Tony Froitzheim); Two Boys, (Captain Ed Zoder); Marimae, (Captain Joe Long).

2nd Place: Oakdale Sportsmens Club

Skip Jack, (Captain Jack O'Donnel); Enjoyit, (Captain John Mach); Silver Bell, (Captain Gus Northorn).

3rd place: Babylon Tuna Club

Miss Marion III, (Captain Dick Svoboda); Nite Owl, (Captain Ray Whitman); Pompano, (Captain George McCord); Guaglio, (Captain Nick Derrico).

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:

1st Place: Old Timer, (Captain Bob Mizrahi); 2nd Place: Ilonna, (Captain Herbert Schuchman); 3rd Place: Millie M, (Captain: John Monteforte).

CODFISH: A. Horner, (Marimae Captain Joe Long).

LARGEST DOGFISH: D. Richert, (Four Winds Captain Charles Berwind)

CAPTAINS PLAQUE: Hudson Anglers, (Misty III, Captain Tony Froitzheim).

SCHAEFER CONTEST STANDINGS AS OF 10/15/74

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Empire Striper Assoc. 3,977 pts; Striper Surf Club 3,357 pts; Farragut Striper Club 3,118 pts; King's Bay Striper Club 2,749 pts; Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club 1,887 pts; Staten Island Striped Bass Club 1,725 pts; Aloha Surf Fishing Club 1,617 pts; Midland Beach Sportsmen's Club 1,012 pts; Bayview Rod & Gun 957 pts.

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Long Beach Striped Bass Fishing Club 4,476 pts; East End Surf Fishing Club 4,243 pts; Huntington Anglers 3,886 pts; Long Island Striper Club 3,802; Easter Anglers 3,800 pts; Patchogue Fishing Club 3,177 pts; High Hill Striper Club 3,122 pts; Causeway Fishing Club 2,247 pts; Great South Bay Anglers 2,190 pts; Sound Surf Fishing Club 2,116 pts; North Shore Anglers 1,972 pts; Hampton's SurfClub 1,921; Mill River Road & Gun Club 1,883 pts; Manhasset Bay Sportsmen's 1,838 pts; Freeport Tuna Club 1,713 pts; Surfers of Long Island 1,686 pts; Babylon Tuna Club 1,250 pts; East Bay Anglers 1,079 pts.

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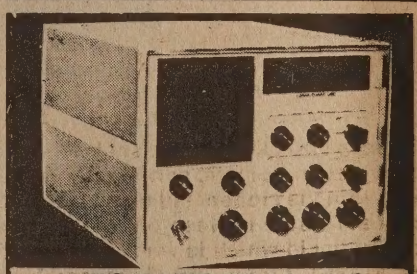
Splicing information shows how to splice two lines together and how to splice a loop.

Gudebrod's Knot Folder and 1975 Fishing Tackle Catalog are available for $.25. Write Gudebrod Fishing Tackle, Dept. K, 12 South 12th Street, Phila., Pa. 19107.



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ATLANTIC COALITION PUBLIC MEETING TO EXPLORE "SLUDGE PROBLEMS"

The Altantic Coalition announces a public meeting Thursday, December 12th, 1974, at 8:00 p.m., at the Hofstra Law School (Rm. 238).

Anthony S. Taormina, Director of Marine & Coastal Resources for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will be the guest speaker for the first of a series of discussions.

As a continuation of The Atlantic Coalition's work, the lectures will bring experts in all phases of the problem into public discussions.

The atlantic Coalition is a relatively new organization, bringing together sports clubs, conservation groups, and organizations concerned with all aspects of the marine environment.

With renewed concern over the pollution of the marine environment off Atlantic Beach, the Coalition's work became important to many. With the announced experimental sewer sludge dumping off Fire Island, it became vital to most Long Islanders.

Scientists, divers and boatmen of the Coalition have been engaged in researchng "sludge" deposits off Atlantic Beach, long Beach and Lido Beach, while other Coalition members have been exploring the alternatives to our present ocean dumping practices

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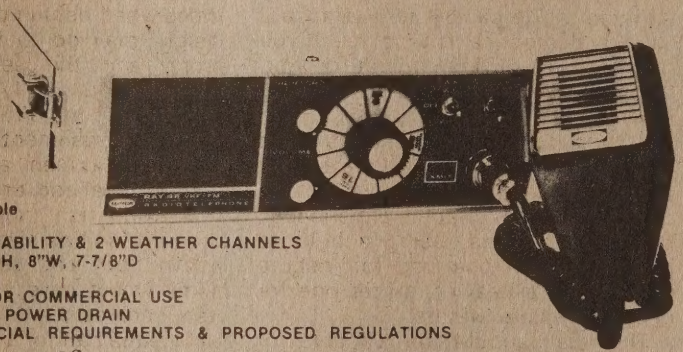

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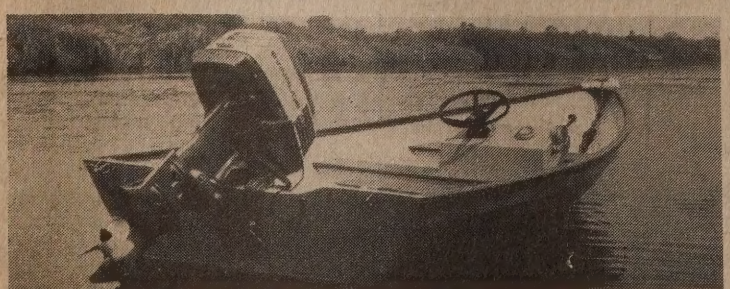

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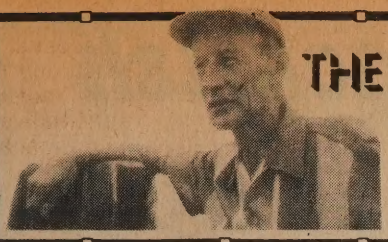
HOW ARE REELS MEASURED?

For years my friends and I have been fishing the waters of Long Island and we are all avid readers of your publication. We frequently come across reference to a 3/0, 5/0, 6/0, etc., type of reel for certain types of fishing. What my friends and I would like to know is just how the size of these different reels is determined. How are they measured? None of us have been able to get a straight and accurate answer. Thank you for a long awaited answer to a constantly puzzling question. **Lynn James Gish (and friends), Hicksville**

The designations, 4/0, 6/0, etc. are numbers that indicate the particular line capacity of reels commonly used in big game fishing, such as the Senators and Internationals offered by Penn Reels. Sizes range through 16/0, but without a consecutive set of numbers; therefore, present common sizes are 2½/0, 4/0, 6/0, 9/0, 10/0, 12/0, 14/0 and 16/0. All reels have one piece, machined spools, and their construction gets beefier as the size increases. This is because of the tremendous forces exerted upon the reel frame, spool and internal gearing and drag mechanisms by huge fish over long periods of time.

Lines used with these reels range from 12-pound test to 130-pound test, in International Game Fish Association classes. For record-hunters, of course, but the sizes are spaced to fulfill the requirements of most categories of sport fishing.

Actual capacities of Dacron Line in the 80-pound class, on Penn Senators for example, is as follows: 4/0-150 yd., 6/0-250 yds., 9/0-400 yd., 10/0-650 yd., 12/0-800 yd., 14/0-1050 yd., 16/0-1250 yd. If you fish with 130 pound class tackle, your 16/0 reel will hold 1000 yd. of Dacron or 950 yd. of monofilament of 0.052 diameter, but your 9/0 reel will hold only 300 yd. and 235 yd., respectively. And so on G.V.



THE BOTTOM LINE

with Matt Ahern

THE EASY WAY
Part One

It's said there's no easier way for fishermen to become successful than to take up party boat fishing. True enough. Not only will the angler have fun with easily-caught bottom fish, but the skills learned will serve him well should he desire to catch the more difficult species.

Party boats cater to thousands of fishermen who find it pays to patronize these vessels. None of these boats can guarantee fish, but they come very close to it. Seldom does the fisherman fail to return with fish.

There's a good reason for this. Party boat skippers and their crew are professional fishermen, many having experience going back a half-century. They're out fishing every day, and there isn't much they don't know about catching the many varieties of fish available to local sinker bouncers. If fish are to be found, they'll find them.

Often the angler has several kinds of fish from which to choose. He can make his choice by reading the reports published in *The Fisherman*, plus information in the daily newspaper fishing columns. He can also use these reports as a guide and check out the catches at the dock the afternoon before going out. If the weather holds up, the fisherman can expect to duplicate the previous day's catch.

The experienced fisherman knows weather changes play an important part in angling. He knows they can rapidly bring good fishing to a grinding halt, and vice-versa.

The fisherman should only be deterred when STRONG winds blow from the northeast, east, southeast, south, and southwest. These winds make tough fishing conditions and unless the party boats intend fishing sheltered areas, you'll find they often remain tied to the pier. Rain in itself means nothing; you'll find it often knocks down a heavy sea.

Arrive at dockside early. Don't show up ten minutes before sailing time and expect to find a choice spot at the rail. Often, especially when a good run of fish is on, you'll find your boat long departed; with a capacity crowd there's no point in waiting. Don't be disappointed by letting this happen to you—allow yourself plenty of time.

You'll find the price of the fare varying, depending upon the type of fish sought, the traveling distance necessary to reach these fish and if any expensive chum is needed. Bait is usually included in the fare. There's always plenty and you may use all you want without fear of running short.

Should you care to, don't hesitate to enter the boat pool; many a beginner has beaten out the expert. Besides, it lends an added zest to the fishing.

Most, but not all, party boats fish bottom. Those that do are the most popular because—as stated before—the fisherman is almost sure to catch fish. Not only are bottom fish plentiful, they seem always eager to accept the baited hook. Truly, they are everyman's fish.

It isn't necessary to invest in the needed tackle the first few times. Suitable tackle can be rented aboard all party boats for a nominal fee. If you find this type of fishing isn't for you, which I seriously doubt, nothing much is lost.

If you decide to stick with this branch of the sport, it will be to your advantage to think about owning two different outfits. Most experienced fishermen do this, using a light to medium-weight boat rod for inshore fishing and a heavier, stiffer one for deeper offshore waters.

The reel should be capable of holding at least 100 yards of 30 pound test monofilament for offshore fishing and be the best you can afford, since it will be required to take a lot of punishment and a good reel can be depended upon to give years of service. For inshore fishing the same reel may be used, but lighter, ten pound test monofilament can be substituted for the heavier offshore line.

Lacking experience, the wise fisherman should enlist the aid of a veteran angler when purchasing tackle, and he should pay strict attention to the reasons for a certain selection. What seems suitable to the beginner may turn out to be a poor choice. Failing this, he should confide his needs to the tackle shop dealer. It's certain this expert's selection will be suited exactly to the type of fishing desired.

The average fisherman finds spinning tackle a joy to use, sensitive, and affording much sport, but he shouldn't bring it aboard a party boat. Most skippers and practically all passengers frown upon its use. Many times when fishing deep water, sinker weight may go to twelve ounces or more, and the sensitive tip of a spinning rod simply can't handle this weight without difficulty. Save yourself embarrasement and ill will from fellow fishermen and stick to the conventional rod and reel.

Bottom fish are easily caught, thoug it isn't as simple as hitting the ocean floor and reeling in fish, as some would have you believe. Some fish, such as the ling, can be allowed to take the bait for a moment, but with others, such as the rapidly biting porgy, it's best to set the hook immediately the fish is felt. This know-how can only be learned through experience. There's no other way.

The only bottom fish difficult to

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Western Sound Blackfish

Part One

by Tony DiLernia

I consider the area between the Whitestone Bridge and Execution Lighthouse in Long Island Sound as my home stomping grounds; I've been fishing it for fifteen years and in this time I think that I've developed a bit of knowledge about the how and where of catching fish here.

At this time of the year and until the end of December—barring a very cold fall—you'll find blackfish at most of the piers and rockpiles in the area. The trick is finding the pier or rockpile that harbors the most fish, and then fishing for them with the right bait.

Generally, I would say about seventy-five percent of the time, fiddler crabs are the best bait for blackfish in this area. Even in the spring, when old *Tautoga* is supposed to be soft-mouthed and preferring worms and clams over crabs, I find fiddlers to produce the best.

I think this is because the area is so heavily-infested with bergalls and catching blackfish on the crabs is easier because the small bergalls think twice about tackling a hard critter like a crab. And this leaves the fiddler to a more obliging customer, namely—the blackfish.

To use the fiddler just pass the hook up through it's underside and push with gentle pressure until the point just penetrates the top or carapace of the crab. I use only one crab to a hook and I always take the large claw off the males before using them.

When fishing with the crabs, if you find you have a series of taps and then reel in to find the crab minus its legs, that means that the bergalls are feeding on your bait. When this happens, weigh anchor and try moving a couple of yards to either side of the spot you were fishing. Vey often this is all that's really needed to get away from the bergalls and put your bait in front of blackfish.

I've also seen, and have used, small steamer or "piss" clams in this area. In fact some of the largest blacks that I've seen come out of the water here were caught on piss clams. The clam isn't opened as one would think, but rather the hook is passed through the brown siphon that sticks out of the side of the clam, then the shell is crushed.

To do this, after you put the hook through the siphon place the clam under your boot and apply just enough pressure with your foot until you hear the shell cracking. Then just lower away your bait with the pieces of shell still attached.

The shell makes it tougher going for the bergalls, but it's not too hard for the blackfish to get. When fishing this way you should allow the black to bite a bit before setting the hook because you have to wait until he passes the clam back to the bone-crushers located in the rear of his throat. Also—I never use a clam that is more than two inches long. Clams of this size seem to be the best bait, when using clams instead of fiddlers. Those any larger should be avoided for use as bait.

Collecting the clams is easy. Just go to any mud flat with a regular garden pitch fork at low tide and dig. It usually isn't necessary to go more than one fork deep when digging the clams. You'll see that, as you walk on the mud flat, the clams will squirt water up from the bottom as they sense you coming. Where you see the squirts is where you should dig. Also, any mud flat that has steamers in it will have tiny holes all over it. These holes are formed when the clam squirts water up after it's finished siphoning food from it. You should also dig where you see a lot of these tiny holes.

A good area that I've found to dig clams in Little Neck Bay. As you go along the road leading to the launching ramp at the Bayside Yacht Club you'll see a large mudflat on your left at low tide. In this area you usually can collect a bucketfull of clams in about a half-hour. I would suggest boots when walking on this flat because some areas are soft and you can sink in past your ankles.

When fishing with the clams use the larger ones that are no good for bait as chum. Simply take four or five clams and smash them either under your boot or on the gunnel of your boat and toss them over the side slightly uptide. Wait about twenty minutes and repeat the process again.

Now that you've got the bait and know how to use it, you have to know where. Unfortunately, for the shore-based angler, most of the property directly on the water on the north shore is privately owned, and this dictates the necessity of a boat. I use an eighteen-foot wood dory with a twenty-horse outboard and I find it's the best when it becomes necessary to get close to rockpiles or piers.

Starting at the Whitestone bridge and going east, the first spot I would recommend is the light tower off Whitestone point. It's a flashing green light on the Queens side, and is only about a hundred and fifty yards off the beach.

A word of caution, though: Here, as in many of the other places that I will mention, there are rocks that come within a foot or two of the surface. These rocks can really raise hell with a prop or lower unit. When using an outboard be sure that the tilt lever is in the "release" position and approach the area slowly and deliberately, keeping a sharp eye open for these rocks. This spot especially has a large number of rocks between the light itself and the shore. You have only to change a shear pin once out on the water to convince yourself of this precaution.

The next spot that I would recommend while heading east is the wreck off Fort Schuyler. Where the Throgs Neck bridge meets the shore on the Bronx side of the East River is a red tower next to a small building. About a hundred yards off this tower, on the bottom, there is a small wreck. This wreck supplies some of the fastest blackfishing anyone could want, and if you happen to anchor directly over it don't be surprised if you end the day with thirty to forty blackfish, with many in the four- to seven-pound range. This is a hard spot to find exactly without the aid of a depth-finder, but if you move frequently just a few yards in one direction and then in another it will all pay off. Remember: blackfishing at many times is all a matter of yards.

Also in this spot you may have to use five ounces of lead to keep your line on the bottom during a running tide. The fish bite best here so long as it's moving, and this is when you'll need the most amount of lead. (*To be concluded next week.*)

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Surf Side with Doc Muller

They're Still Around In December

It was December and the temperatures hovered in the low forties. A misty fog had settled gently over Long Island and an easy southeast breeze made the night air damp and uncomfortable.

But there we were, driving toward "Ye ole fishin' hole" and what we hoped were some school bass. We drove in virtual silence, I guess because each of us questioned the other's sanity.

Careful surveillance of the south shore revealed some school bass at the inlets, and Montauk was dead. Brian and I were the only nuts around as we dressed for the beach. Layer after layer of woolen clothes went on, then the waders and the rubber poncho.

The water was cold and quiet. I felt the chill work its way to my bones through the rubber and wool. Within a few minutes my knees began to ache and I wondered what deficiency in my brain permitted me to come out here. Brian was in worse trouble since his waders leaked, but he merely winced now and again and kept on fishing.

Most of the baitfish had long since departed, but we hoped for a school of passing mackerel because surely the bass couldn't be far behind. Even if the mackerel disappointed us there were plenty of worms, shedder crabs, and clams to keep any self-respecting bass content.

We sent cast after cast into the dark shroud of fog. We neither saw nor heard a bass or baitfish and we began to think that we'd had it. Then I thought that I heard a splash, or was it the sea gulls coming to rest on the water? Brian moved on down the beach. I strained to concenetrate on the sounds. There it was again—definitely a splash!

We had caught plenty of bass through Thanksgiving, and all the fish had been packed with worms, crabs, shrimp, and clams. I theorized that the bass were chasing worms that were out for a leisurely night's swim.

Suddenly I heard a "pop" in the direction of my plug. I sank the hook instinctively and I was in. In a few minutes I picked up a spunky 18-inch monster and released him. Before I had finished releasing the fish, Brian's plug whistled past my ear. Four cranks of the handle and he was in!

Although we had tried a variety of artificials from eels to plugs, surface swimmers were the only offering that the bass would respond to. It's one of the strange characteristics of late season fishing. Very often a fishermen's attempts at "matching the hatch" are useless. Instead, the fish wil display an interest in something out of the ordinary, perhaps a vibration.

The fish are on the move in the late season and they rarely hang around in one spot for an entire tide—as they often do in the early fall. Therefore, the action abruptly died after the initial fish. We walked the beach plying every hole, rock, and mud patch that we knew. We finally found the fish on the uptide side of a mussel and rock bar.

Without the slightest hint of a strike I hung another fish. I hit the noise and sure enough the fish was there. This fish took a little line and then ran for the beach. Ten feet in front of me the fish exploded, stripping considerable line from the small reel.

"What's all the noise?" Brian questioned.

"A fish. What do you think it is?"

"Sounds good."

The pole arched and the line peeled off in spurts, but the runs had the feel of a side-hooked fish. The weight of a big fish just wasn't there.

"Wouldn't you be surprised if it's a blue!"

I assured Brian that it was a bass and he removed the tongue from the side of his cheek.

"If it's a blue he'll have icicles on his lips."

That fish was impossible. Seven pounds of belly-hooked bass just won't tire too easily. By the time I got my fish under control, Brian had already beached a five pound fish.

"They're getting bigger," he sang.

Side-hooked fish are common in the late season and I figure it's because the fish are not really enthusiastic about an imitation baitfish. They roll on the plug and they play with it with their tails and noses.

If you've got a mind to try December bass, don't fish the flat sandy beaches. There simply isn't enough bait to hold the fish there, regardless of the bottom contour. Fish at the inlets on the south shore on the outgoing tide, around powerplant warm water outflows. Mud holes are worth a going over, and any rock pile that holds blackfish in October and November will usually have bass in December.

Us light tackle and you'll enjoy these fish a lot more. Light is good; ultralight is even better. Make sure that the line is minimum test strength. Heavy lines are a grand pain in cold weather because they kink and loop and become brittle. It's often necessary to wear gloves, so spinning reels with bails are preferred to conventional outfits and manual pick-up. Make sure that the reel is lubricated with a light oil.

Use small artificials, small snaps, and keep the knots to a minimum, which means you can omit the shockers and leaders.

It is doubtful that you'll get into one, but there are big bass around all year—especially in Long Island Sound. There are some West End sharpies that fish for them on good weather days with live eels and average one or two cows a trip. Brrrrr...that's cold!

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Christmas Gifts for Fishermen

by Vlad Evanoff

This is the time of year when you begin to think of Christmas gifts for friends or relatives. If these friends or relatives are fishermen you have a wide choice of various gifts which will be welcomed by them and suitable for their sport. But first you have to find out what kind of fishing they do, where they do it, what they already have in the way of tackle before making your choice. The tackle shop dealers can help you a lot in making your choice if you give them enough information about your friend or relative.

Almost every fisherman can use an extra fishing rod, either a duplicate of the one he already has to use as a spare or another kind which is different from the one he uses. Fresh water fishermen can use an extra fly rod in the 7½, 8 or 8½ foot lengths. If he does his fishing in salt water, a longer 9-foot fly rod might be appropriate. And most anglers can use an extra spinning rod.

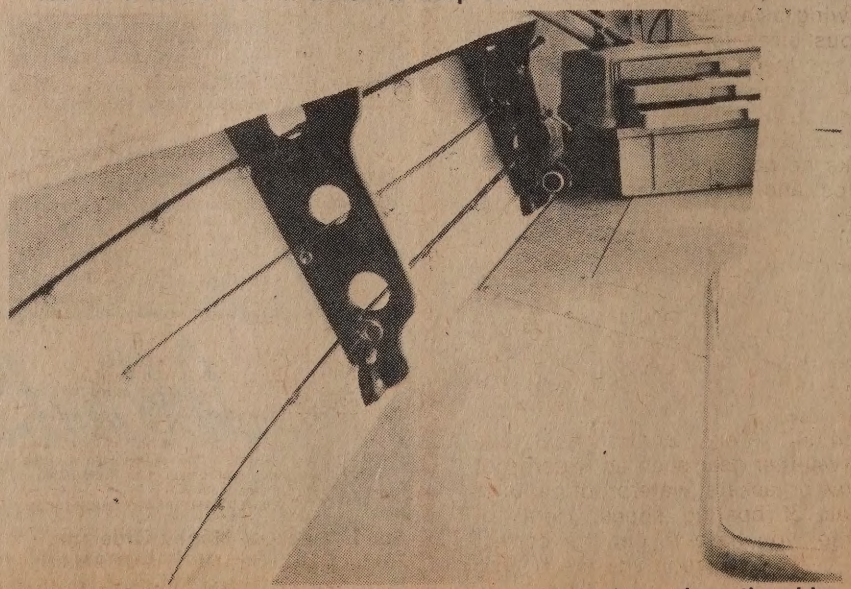
Salt water anglers will find an extra one-handed spinning rod in about the 6 or 7 foot length ideal for many kinds of fishing. These can be used from shore or from boats for many of the smaller fish. Longer spinning rods can be used when casting heavier lures from boats, shore or piers. Of course, surf anglers like the rods especially made for this fishing, in lengths from 9 to 12 feet. These come in light, medium and heavy actions for casting lures of different weights.

Boat anglers can use trolling rods in the 20, 30, 50 and 80 pound classes. The lighter rods are best for inshore trolling or for small fish, while the heavier rods are better for offshore fishing.

When it comes to fishing reels, you also have a wide choice of various makes and models. Here again, you have to find out what kind of fishing your friend or relative does to make the right selection. Fishermen who use a fly rod can use a fly reel, and those who use spinning rods can use a spinning reel. A few anglers still use and prefer bait casting (conventional) reels and rods. If the angler is just starting to fish, or if you are buying a fresh water reel for a youngster, you can't go wrong by picking a good spin-casting or closed-face reel.

Surf anglers use the larger salt water or surf spinning reels made especially for those who cast from the

Most fresh and salt water fishermen will welcome on extra spinning rod, reel or a tackle box in which to keep such outfits.



Boat anglers can use rod holders or racks such as these along the sides of an Aquasport twenty-two footer.

beaches. Make sure that it is big enough to hold at least 200 to 400 yards of line. Those who fish from piers, bridges, private boats and party boats for bottom fish can always use a good reel of the conventional type for this fishing. And those who troll inshore or offshore can always use reels in the 3/0, 4/0, 6/0, 9/0, 10/0, 12/0 and 14/0 sizes. Once again, find out which size the angler is using or which one he prefers.

As for fishing lines, you can't go wrong by buying a spool or two of monofilament in 4 or 6 pound test for fresh water fishermen. A fly line can be bought for the trout or bass fisherman who uses the long wand. For salt water fishing, lines testing 8, 12, 14, 18, 20 and 25 pounds are good for casting from boats or the surf when using spinning outfits. For trolling inshore get lines testing 30, 40 50 and 60 pounds. These can also be used for bottom fishing with conventional rods and reels. For offshore trolling, monofilament or Dacron lines testing from 30 to 130 pounds are usually used.

Almost every fisherman can use some extra lures. These are always being lost or new ones are always coming out which the angler wants to try. For fresh water fishing the smaller spinners, spoons, surface and underwater plugs and plastic worms are usually used. For salt water fishing the larger metal squids, Hopkins lures, surface and underwater plugs, jigs and plastic eels are good for casting from a boat or the surf. Offshore anglers use feather lures, nylon lures and plastic imitations of fish or squid.

And no angler—whether he fishes in fresh or salt water—has enough hooks. He is always losing them or throwing away rusty ones, or needs various sizes for different fish. You can buy these hooks in boxes of 100 and they will last a long time. But find out what kind of fishing your friend or relative does so you can buy the hooks he can use.

Most anglers can also use an extra tackle box or bag. For the sweet water fishermen, get those with plenty of small compartments to hold the many lures used in this fishing. For salt water anglers, try the bigger boxes with large compartments to hold the big salt water lures. Wood, plastic or aluminum boxes are best for salt water use.

Almost every angler can use foul-weather gear such as waterproof parkas or jackets, waterproof pants or a pair of boating shoes. Here, of course, you have to get the correct size to fit the person you are buying

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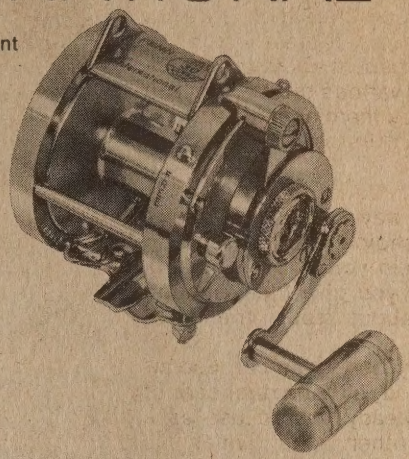

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Long Island's Marine Ecology - *Part V:*

A Case for Common Sense

by Dr. William A.Muller

For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world....
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and
there rain'd ghastly dew...
In the parliament of man, the Federation of the world.
There the common sense of most shall hold
a fretful realm in awe....

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

The quality of our future does hinge on the exercise of common sense. What is common sense? It is the careful use of knowledge along lines of sound logic and is usually best used to make human decisions when direct facts are not available or are unknown.

At a recent meeting with representatives of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Lawrence Kelly and Robert Cook, we tried to ascertain how the D.E.C. was conserving and managing Long Island's marine coastal resources. To their credit the Regional Director, Rober Cook, was instrumental in amending the Pisani-Mannix bunker bill so that it would be more enforcable. Whether or not the State and the D.E.C. will wield the power to enforce the law is a question which will be answered through the passage of time, and we will watch the situation carefully.

However, it is important for you to remember that the Pisani-Mannix Law would never have been enacted without the efforts of you, the public. Public pressure brought about the legislative interest and, therefore, we have reason to believe in the power that the average citizen can muster when the cause is just!

Nonetheless, the management of menhaden in Long Island Sound is only one aspect of a very complicated ecological picture. In Part I of this series, we discussed some of Long Island's marine ecological problems in the hope of stimulating discussion and developing more attention to our marine problems. Despite the attempts of Messrs. Cook and Kelly to persuade us that our accusations were unfounded, they were unable to answer most of the questions posed in the article to our satisfaction. Nor were the D.E.C. representatives clear on why some problems have been entirely ignored.

We on Long Island an no longer accept the idea that only one ecological problem can be dealt with at one time. The salvation of a given species of finfish or shellfish is a grand achievement, but if it is accomplished at the expense of other life then the problem has really not been solved at all. Rather, a multiplicity of new problems have been created. We must be on guard for apparent perfect solutions in such complex and delicate areas.

It seems logical that the department receive adequate financing from the state and then be able to plan its activities carefully in order to simultaneously attack multiple problems meaningfully. This requires vigorous leadership!

By their own admission, some department division members are to be replaced because they are presently less than totally effective. We must have a full-time effort!

By their own admission, the continued destruction of Peconic Bay salt marshes by baymen should not occur. They said, "There was a slip-up." Unfortunately, we are the victims of the slip-up!

By their own admission, the D.E.C. will not take action on environmental problems without hard data to support their position. This superficially seems to be a sound position; however, the hard data that is needed in many cases will not be forth coming for several decades more. By then our problems may have solved themselves via pollution and extinction.

By their own admission, the D.E.C. will not spend money on fish research accept where the results will be immediately applicable to mundane and popular considerations. With money in the private sphere extremely limited these days, the impetus for creative research to elaborate data must come from public funds. After all, it will be money spent to try and secure a stable marine environment for the people of this state.

So we are left in the lurch! The D.E.C. says it wil not spend money on any but the most practical and timely research, and then takes the position that without research data it cannot take action to protect and conserve our marine coastal resources. Common sense tells us that this is a merry-go-round! Furthermore, we'll never get off the merry-go-round until someone has the guts to say—STOP!

What are some of the research areas that need attention? At the present time, most finfish research involves tagging, sampling, stomach contents analysis, age-length comparisons, a few spawning studies, and the investigations of some spawning studies, and the investigations of some diseases and deformities. It seems logical that the influence of technology should reach

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further into the field of fisheries biology. Terrestrial ecologists were able to uncover some of the mysteries of mamalian behavior and ecology by the use of remote sensing apparatus. Remote sensing involves the use of electronic equipment which enables the scientist to follow and study animals at a distance, 24 hours a day. Perhaps you've seen such techniques discussed on television nature shows.

Remote sensing of fish populations would be particularly helpful in the continuous study of an entire school of fish, not only on a seasonal basis, but on a daily or even hourly basis. Remote sensing could tell us about the complex behavior of our coastal species like striped bass, which migrate great distances but then often remain in a small area for extended periods. Such fish are far too big to study easily in the laboratory and the murky coastal waters prohibit direct observations. Sensing apparatus might also be used to explain the effects of harvest on the density of schools of important forage fish like bunker and herring.

We also need information on the distribution of fish populations in relation to water temperatures, currents and coastline topography. Extensive infrared photographic studies would help in gathering this information.

It also seems logical that the warm water effluents of Lilco's power plants be used in studies designed to discover how to grow winter flounder. These fish have a high market value, grow rapidly, do not require exotic foods, do not require large amounts of space, and are hardy. We feel that the money for these studies should come from Lilco in partial repayment for the use of sea water as a means of cooling power-generating equipment.

Common sense would also seem to dictate that we begin continuous studies to determine the relative abundance of all food and game fishes. We would then be in a position to make intelligent and rapid decisions when there are indications that there is a reduction in the stocks of a given species due to pollution, overharvesting, or any relevant reason!

Finally, we should consider those common sense decisions that the D.E.C. should make now which would conserve and protect our coastal marine fisheries. It is true that the D.E.C. has no authority to regulate finfish at the present time. Therefore, the department must begin to loby for the necessary legislation which would provide that authority. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the State of New York to enact the appropriate legislation now! It is difficult to understand why such legislation was not enacted when the department was created!

With the authority to regulate finfish, the following common sense positions seem essential!

1. Prohibit gillnetting in the Hudson River.
2. Join other environmental groups, use the recent data from the Atomic Energy Commission, and stop the construction of Con Edison's Hudson River power plants before the stocks of striped bass are seriously reduced.
3. Stand up to the heavy pressure that each year is generated by the Honorable Perry Duryea and the commercial interests and prohibit haul-seining.
4. Prohibit dragging inside all estuarine waters, including Long Island Sound, Peconic Bay, and Gardiners's Bay.
5. Prohibit the harvesting of mussels by methods which would damage the habitat. This is within the sphere of regulation of the D.E.C. at the present time, but needs vigorous enforcement.
6. Prohibit the setting of fish traps in estuaries during seasons of inward migration, allowing the traps to be set in order to harvest the outward migration after the spawning of the species is completed. For example, a timetable for Peconic and Gardiner's Bays might allow for the nets to be set April 1 of each year, lifted May 1 and set June 1 of each year. This timetable would allow the winter flounder to enter the bays undisturbed, harvest them later as they move to deeper waters, allow the weakfish to migrate into the bays, and then allow this species to be harvested as they exit.
7. Set limits on the daily tonnage of each species that may be brought to market.
8. Set severe fines for littering the marine habitat.
9. Enforce all these proposals vigorously.

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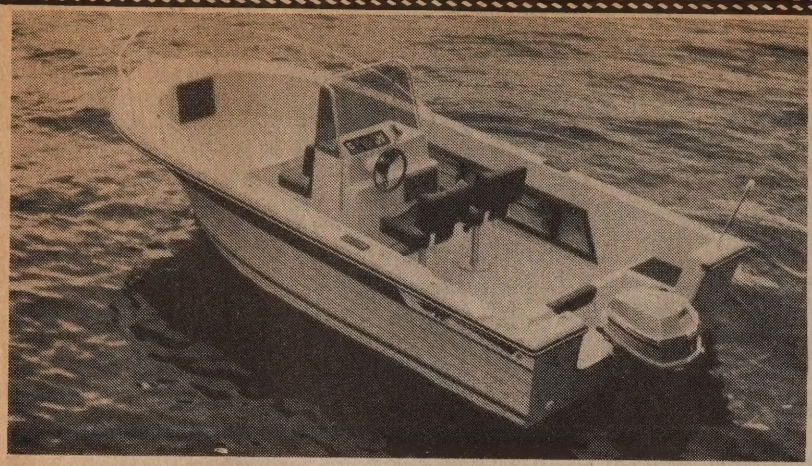

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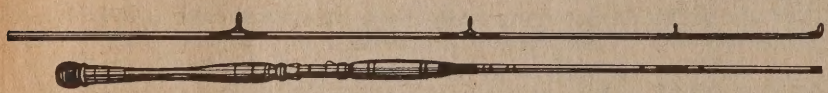

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7. **Bunker Dunking In L.I. Sound**
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THE EASY WAY

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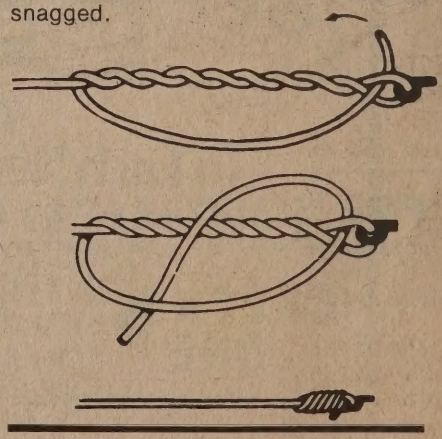
hook is the blackfish, and with this fish the angler should wait until a good solid tug is felt before setting the hook. Watch the veteran blackfisherman. You will learn more from him in five minutes than from hours of trial and error.

Rigging for bottom fish is simplicity itself. The one most often used is known as the deep-sea or two-hook rig. To use this, tie the bottom hook the length of its snell above the sinker, and the second hook about two feet above the first. These are attached to the line by using two inch dropper loops formed with tightly drawn, double overhand knots. "Quick-Rigs" can also be used.

Some fishermen use two three-way swivels in place of dropper loops. These should be 3/0 in size and it's best to tie them with the Improved Clinch knot. This knot is quickly and easily made by running four inches of line through the swivel eye, twisting the short end around the line five or six times. Take this short end and push it through the first twist nearest the eye and bring it back through the large loop you will have formed by doing this. Pull up slowly until the knot is secure and cut off excess. (See diagram.)

Sinkers can be placed directly on the end of the line with the aid of a double-overhand loop, or by use of a sinker snap. If fishing around wrecks or rock-cluttered bottom, it's best to tie hooks and sinker directly to the line with the aforementioned dropper loops, using little or no hardware. The more terminal tackle at the end of your line, the easier it is to become snagged.



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the gift for.

Then there are many accessories which fishermen can always use, such as landing nets, gaffs, rod holders, rod belts, harnesses, flashlights or headlights, fishing knives, fishing pliers, sunglasses, fishing gloves, binoculars and scales to weigh fish.

SIZE LIMIT & CONTEST NEWS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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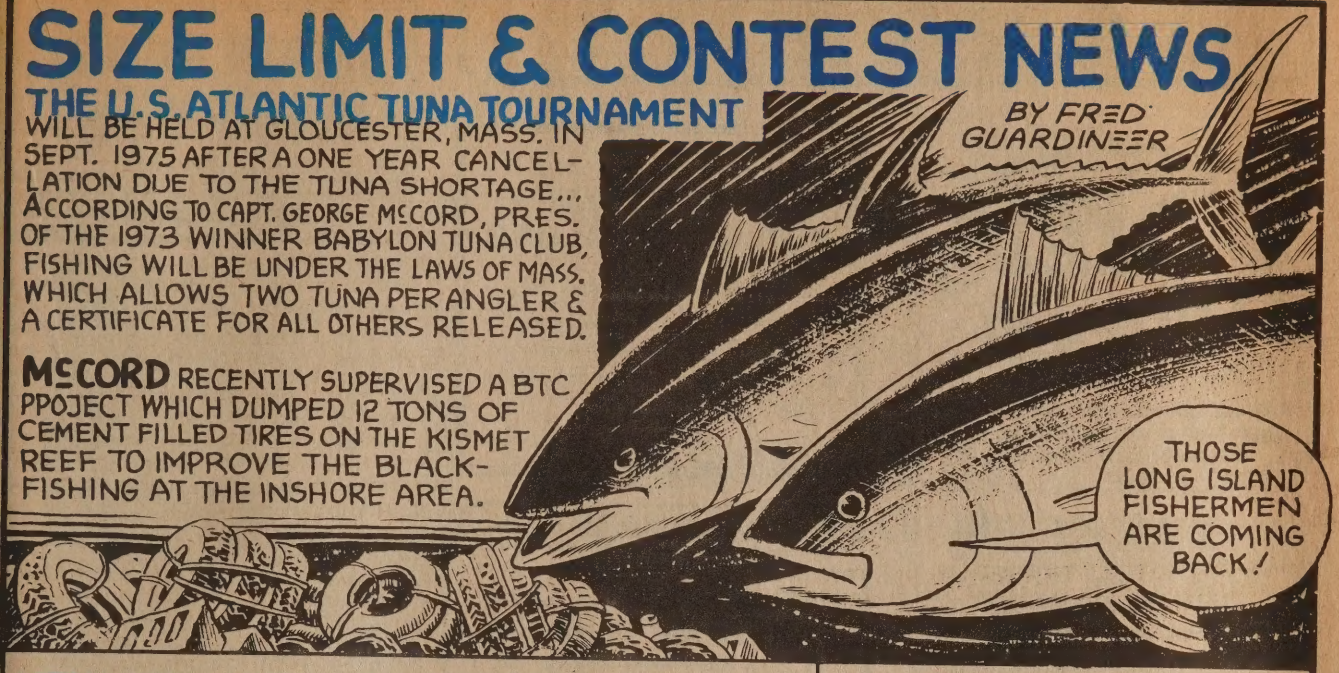

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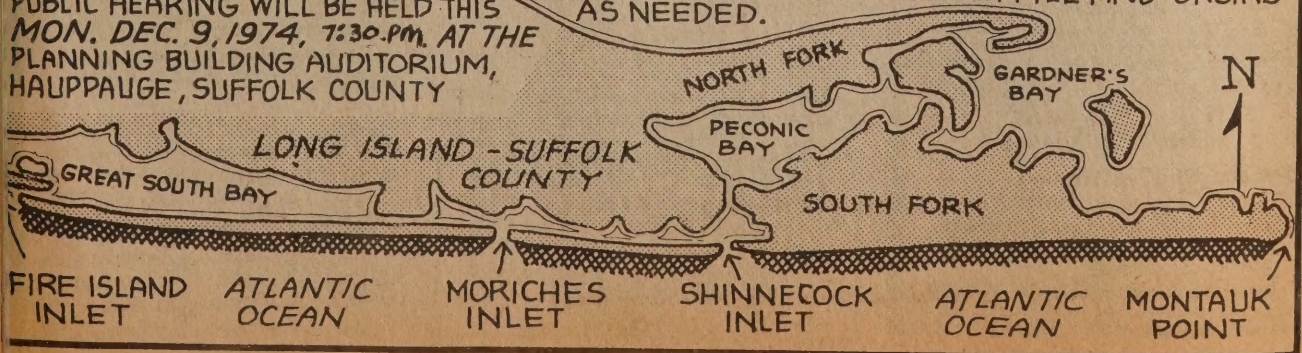

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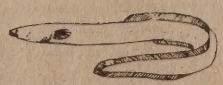

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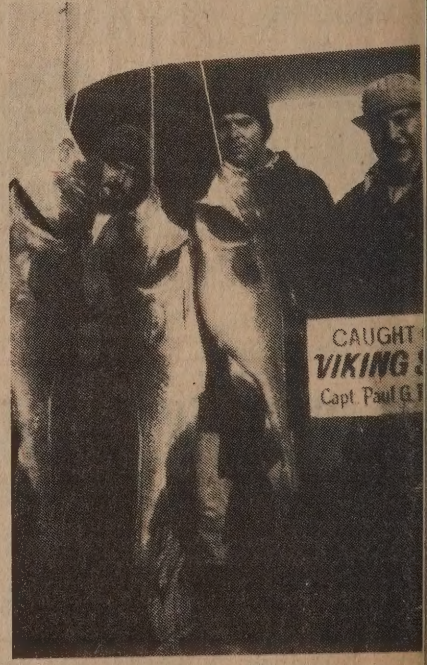
SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Capt. Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** said that the codfishing was good all week long and suddenly took a nose dive on Saturday. Only 20 cod came aboard for fifteen men, and that was with a lot of moving around. The bass were also gone on Saturday, but good catches had been made as late as Thursday and Friday at Shagwong and the rips under the light. Cod and the first whiting of the year are at the bell buoy just outside the jetties for the small boats. Sunday was a wipe out because of high winds.

Capt. Betty Mullhern of the **Viking Star** reported slow fishing over the weekend. The Viking Star was one of the only boats out in Sunday's weather and did poorly in the morning but managed some big blackfish under the light in the afternoon. High winds and a full moon made for rough fishing. The pool on Saturday was $475 and almost as large on Sunday.

The **Jigger III** did fairly well with cod eight to 10 lbs. and a few larger at the point on Saturday. Sunday the Jigger came in early because of heavy seas.



Pool winners aboard the Viking Star Sunday, Nov. 24: David Syvarth, left, North Bergen, N.J. with a 47 lb. cod; Barry Schafschwedt, center, East Islip, with a 36 lb. cod and holding the sign is Pete Geranimo, Union City, N.J. with a 43 lb. cod. These fish were caught 1 mile off Montauk Light. There were over 1200 cod taken Sunday in these waters. Aboard the Viking Star.

George Hazard of Patchogue, right, with the 38 lb. cod that took the pool for him on the Peconic Queen II recently. He also had 13 other fish. A.G. Brown, left, had 14 cod including this 49 pounder.

MORICHES BAY

There is good cod fishing in 60-65 feet of water said Chet at **B&B Tackle**. Capt Ed schroeder of the Jo-Lynn took an all woman crew consisting of Quentin, Patricia, and Geri Miller and Joan Steiner fishing this past week. They had 38 cod between 10-15 lbs. Several other trips saw up to 50 fish taken. The smaller cod are closer to shore with few dogfish while the larger fish are in deeper water with more dogfish. Very heavy chumming is a must for a decent catch. Flounder fishing has improved but there doesn't seem to be many takers. Chet said the fish are taking skimmer clams or mussels but the prefered bait is worms where available.

CAPTREE

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** said that the cod are in very good 200-205 degrees, twenty miles out of the F. I. Inlet in 90 to 110 feet of water. On Friday 135 cod came aboard in the 5 to 15 pound range. Eighty fish to 44 pounds cam ein Saturday. Fishing during the week was excellent with light crowds.

The **Capt. Scotty** did good with the cod south of the inlet in 90 feet of water. One day's score will be 20-30 fish and the next day it will be 90 to 100. The fish are a small 6 to 10 lb. average with the pool fish usually in the 30's. Open bottom is best, wrecks are slow. The **Capt. Ben Litwin** had a 54 lb. cod come over the rail Saturday.

The **Capt. Joseph Fleet** reports that the fishing has improved very, very much. Over 100 cod daily both Friday and Saturday on Capt. Joseph I and IV. Fish up to 36 lbs. offshore on open botom in 85 to 90 feet of water south of the inlet.

A 56 lb. 3 oz. was taken on the **Capt. Litwin** on saturday, the largest cod taken at Captree so far this year. The lucky angler is Bill Sosnicki of Copaigue. Mrs. Litwin also informs us that there are loads of cod out there. Hi hook Saturday was 16 cod! Ben in fishing S/W of F.I. Inlet in 93' of water, using skimmer clam.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports plenty of codfish in 80-100 feet of water 150 degrees out of the inlet. A lot of the cod are in the 20-40 lb. range but you catch two dogfish for every

Ralph Kleinberg with two bass, 45 lb. 8 oz. and 40 pounds even, that were among the catch of 36 bass and bluefish taken aboard the "Jean III" at Montauk on Nov. 1. The fish were all taken on umbrella rigs trolled at Outer Shagwong on incoming water.

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cod. Local flounder fishing is scattered. They are small but fat about ½ lb. average. Bloodworms where available are best but they are being taken on clams and mussels.

AMITYVILLE

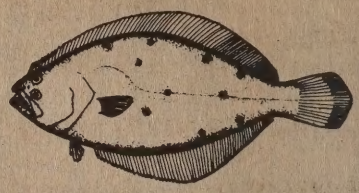
Very good codfishing southeast of the inlet according to **Combs Bait & Tackle**. The best is in 80-85 feet of water but catches have been made up to 120 feet. The cod ranges in size from 5 to 15 lbs. and up to 35 lbs. The dogfish are active but not to the extent that you con't catch fish. For those anglers who still have access to a worm supply the West Island area is your best bet for flounder. If you con't get worms try red dyed or regular clams.

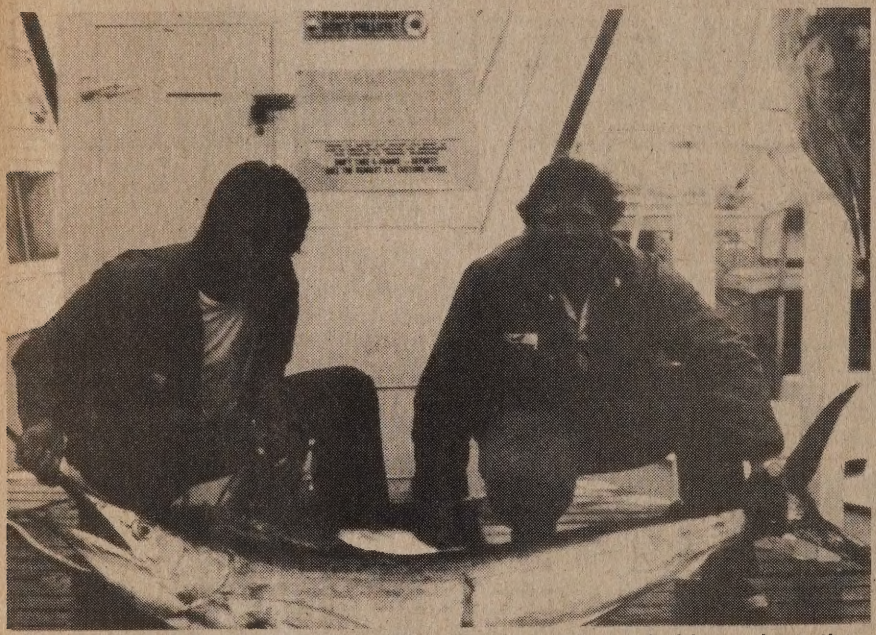
SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Tackle reports flounder fishing still good at the deep channels and holes like Four Corners or Florence Beach. Striped bass are on the beach if you are willing to brave the weather. Poppers seems to be a good bet. The codfishing on open bottom has perked up and there are plenty to be caught.

WANTAGH

Frank at **Causeway Bait & Tackle** said with the decrease in water temperature the flounder are all over. Where they are varies with the tide. Chumming is a must and you have to move around until you start to hit them. Frank said he hasn't seen any striped bass come off the beach in a week although they might be out there for the troller.





Oak Gentry of Starfish Marine, left, and Capt. Archie Jost took this 48 lb. white marlin due south of Shinnecock Inlet in 195 feet of water this summer. The fish hit a rigged eel on a rod in a holder and ran the line down to the knot before he was stopped by Oak and his well known quick reflexes and angling abilities.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger said that codfishing was very good on Saturday. The **Starstream II** took 160 to 170 cod, many in the 20 and 30 lb. class and up to 40 pounds. A couple of pollack in the 20 lb. range also took the clam baits. On Sunday there was an old fashioned northeaster with winds gusting to 44 mph and tremendous seas. Never-the-less fifteen fishermen managed over 60 cod before the day had to be called off. Offshore wrecks are producing best but fish are all over both offshore and inshore on mussel and open bottom. Tide is immaterial. Richie said this looks like the best cod season in years.

The **Capt. Al** did very good Saturday at a secret spot offshore. Thirty cod over 30 pounds and 5 over 40 lbs. came aboard. Richard Bambrick of Jamaica took the pool with a 54 pounder and Saul Gritz of Howard Beach had a 45 pound cod. A few big pollack up to 30 lbs. also came aboard. The boat was back to the dock by noon on Sunday due to the weather but did very good in the short time out. High hook at the Cholera Banks was 12 and Pete Wenskus took the pool with a 40 pounder.

Capt. **Spider Schmidt** of the Aloma II said that codfishing was very, very good on Friday and Saturday. On Friday, 49 people had 140 cod 8 to 25 lbs. and on Saturday 20 people had 68 cod 10 to 15 lbs. Capt. Schmidt daid he is running an hour and 20 minutes due south of Jones Inlet for fish. The Aloma II will run strictly weekends and holidays from now until the spring.

Capt. Jim Zook of the **Capt. Jim V** reports very ood cod and blackfishing in 60' of water at the sunken barges at whistler buoy #4, roughly 160 degrees out of Eas Rockaway Inlet. Blacks running 8 lbs. and the cod to 15 lbs.

Capt. Johnny A. of the **Capt. Jack VI** really mohawked the cod on Friday

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	10:30	4:45	10:55	5:10
Sat.	11:25	5:30	11:40	5:55
Sun.	—	6:20	12:10	6:40
Mon.	12:30	7:00	12:55	7:25
Tues.	1:10	7:50	1:40	8:15
Wed.	2:00	8:35	2:30	9:05
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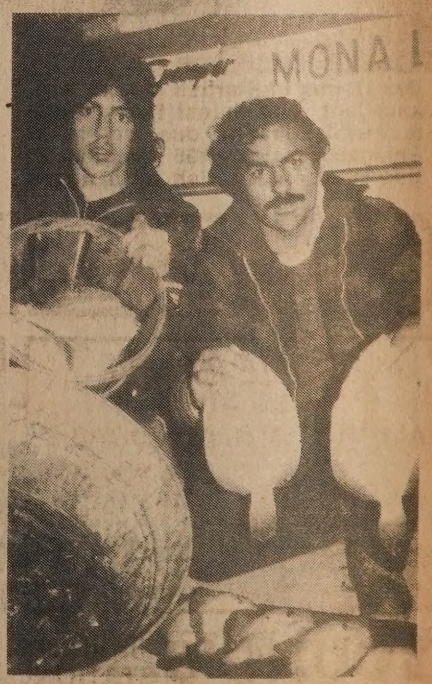

Tony Leotta and his nephew took these flounder 1-1½ lbs. and blue claw crabs off the Brown House in Moriches Bay. They chummed with mussel and used bloodworms for bait.

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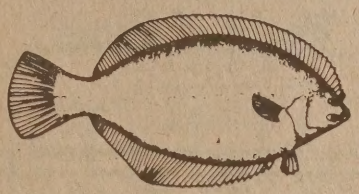

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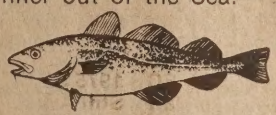
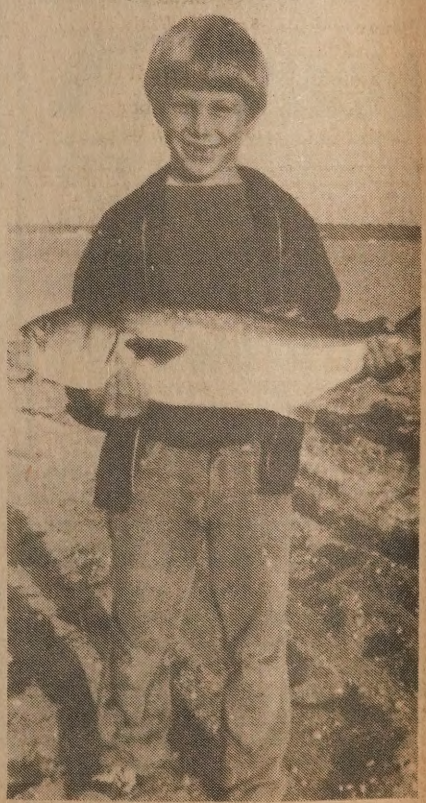
Ronnie Lepper called and mentioned, just by chance, to watch for the new Lupo Snake in 8" and 12" sizes, come Spring. (Don't tell the bass.)

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike's Bait & Tackle reports the codfishing fleet is doing a job on those saltwater turkeys at Cholera Banks. The whiting boats are also loading up for fares. And to top it off, the blackfishing is still very good. So put on the insulated undies and fish your dinner out of the Sea.





Charles Yourch, age 7, took this 8 pound bluefish on a 4 inch black and silver Rebel Minnow off Tobaccolot Bay, Gardiners Island in October.

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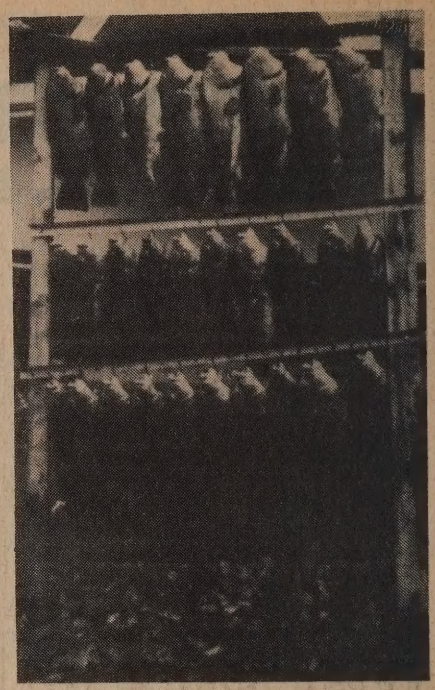
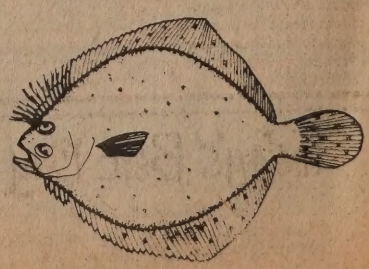


Blackfish to 7 lbs. on green crabs at Buoy 11B off Eaton's Nec aboard the boat "Quest" out of Huntington.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don of the **Every Ready** is still doing well on flounder and blacks, at 11B. A Calkraft of Huntington took Saturday's pool with an 8½ lb. black. Barry Zadlak of Westbury had a 2½ lb. whiting. Don has bagged quite a few whiting, and is experimenting now for a local L.I. Sound fishing for cod, whiting and ling. Watch his ad in future weeks for possible new program.



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CONNECTICUT SCENE

MERIDEN
The Tackle Box reported bass, cod, and a few blues at The Race when weather permits. School bas have been hitting red and white bucktails with pork rind around Watch Hill and Napatree Point. Some bass were caught at Weekapaug and Quonny Breech Ways on swimming plugs and eels.

BRARFORD
Tony's Bait & Tackle indicates that very few anglers have been out this week. There have been stripers taken in the 20 lb. range at The Race. Best catches at night on eels.

WESTBROOK
Blackfish are good at Southwest Reef according to Wetmore's Marina. Cod are still somewhat spotty but improving. The bass are showing signs of slowing down, but fish in the 20 to 40 lb. bracket have been boated using eels at night or smilling Bills during the day.

STAMFORD
A few schoolies are still being taken say Dasco Sport Tackle. Hopkins or Diamond jigs will do the job. Some blacks and flounder are still around.

NORWALK
Mola Brothers report no bass this week. Shore casters are taking flounder and some blacks.

STRATFORD
Honsatonic arina tells of only a few flounder around the river mouth. No one has been out for stripers or blues.

NEW HAVEN
Outdoor Sports reported some flats from the shore in Branford, and lots of big blackfish at Six Mile Reef and Townsend Ledge.

HATTERAS REPORT
by Ken Lauer

About ten minutes ago I got a call from a friend who'd been up around Oregon inlet (northern end of Hatteras Island), and said friend reported a right fair catch of stripers. Forgot to ask what size, but if they'd been over thirty or forty poounds I'm sure he'd of mentioned it. This time of year they tend to run small, mostly in the fifteen- to twenty-pound-class. It's a mite early for ole linesides to be showing, but we're mighty grateful for what's here, and hoping it's not just a small school coming down the pike before the main body decided to move.

Elsewhere fishing is right good, depending upon what you're looking for. During the past week the daily catch of fluke must have been in the thousands. I know one group of guys that caught over five hundred in two and a half days. Did a little checking myself, and found plenty of kingies scattered between Oregon inlet and Buxton. One of the hottest spots was around ramp sixteen. Fluke fishing is best around the point. The bottom must be paved with the sritters, 'cause there never seems to be any let-up in the action. Shark belly or flounder belly work equally well for bait, with the nod going to the shark if you can get it; stays on the hook much longer. For the kingies, small chunks of mullet or shrimp. Right now shrimp has a slight edge.

Bluefish? On yes, they're still around. Not hitting the beach with any predictable regularity, but still a comfortable number of ten- and fifteen-pounders available to surfcasters. There'll be more very soon.

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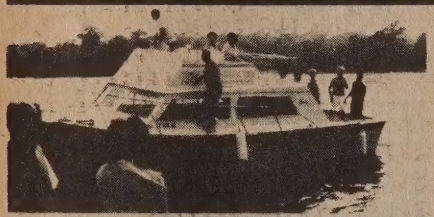

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SANDY HOOK

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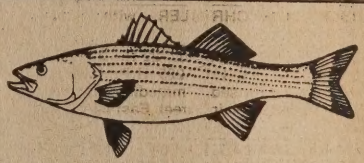

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Note: All hours listed are "clock" hours.

	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGEPORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
THURSDAY	—	12:09	1:25	1:41	3:10	3:31	3:18	3:41
FRIDAY	12:54	1:09	2:29	2:51	4:21	4:52	4:16	4:43
SATURDAY	1:54	2:11	3:33	4:00	5:42	6:21	5:17	5:47
SUNDAY	2:55	3:14	4:33	5:05	6:53	7:33	6:18	6:49
MONDAY	3:56	4:17	5:32	6:04	7:54	8:31	7:17	7:49
TUESDAY	4:51	5:15	6:22	6:57	8:50	9:26	8:13	8:45
WEDNESDAY	5:42	6:05	7:12	7:47	9:40	10:15	9:03	9:35
THURSDAY	6:29	6:50	7:57	8:30	10:25	11:00	9:52	10:23

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
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on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
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12/3	12/21	11/29	12/6
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 05
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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